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SUBJ: EC COMMISSION PROPOSALS FOR COMMUNITY INTERNAL  
FISHING REGIME

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BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED:

1. SUMMARY: EC COMMISSION HAS SUBMITTED FOR CONSIDERA-  
TION BY OCTOBER 24-25 EC FISHERY COUNCIL PROPOSALS FOR A  
COMMUNITY INTERNAL FISHING REGIME, WHICH, IF  
ADOPTED, MIGHT GO INTO EFFECT JANUARY 1, 1978. MAJOR  
ELEMENTS OF THE COMMISSION PACKAGE ARE OUTLINED BELOW.  
END SUMMARY.

2. TOTAL ALLOWABLE CATCHES:

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THE PROPOSALS (COPIES BEING POUCHFD TO OES/OFA AND  
EUR/RPE) INCLUDE FIGURES FOR TOTAL ALLOWABLE CATCHES  
(TACS) BY SPECIES FOR 1978 IN THE EC 200-MILE ZONE.  
(THE COMMISSION DREW HEAVILY ON "BEST AVAILABLE  
SCIENTIFIC DATA", ESPECIALLY THOSE ESTABLISHED BY ICES.)  
THE 1978 TACS WILL BE SIGNIFICANTLY REDUCED, FOR SOME  
AREAS AND SPECIES, FROM 1976 CATCH LEVELS. COMMISSION

PROPOSAL FOR DIVISION OF TACS AMONG THE EC MEMBER STATES WAS FORMULATED ON THE BASIS OF A MODEL USED IN THE PAST BY NEAFC. THE COMMISSION ALSO TOOK INTO CONSIDERATION THE OCTOBER 30, 1976, DECISION BY THE EC FOREIGN MINISTERS (REF A) THAT IRISH CATCHES SHOULD BE INCREASED BY TWO THIRDS OVER 1975 LEVELS AND THAT PARTICULAR ATTENTION SHOULD BE GIVEN TO THE SPECIAL NEEDS OF FISHERMEN IN THE NORTHERN REGIONS OF THE UNITED KINGDOM. COMMISSION PROPOSALS FOR WATERS OFF GREENLAND AND FRENCH GUIANA, AND THE SKAGGERAK AND KATTEGAT ARE TO BE COMPLETED AND FORWARDED TO THE COUNCIL AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

### 3. TECHNICAL CONSERVATION MEASURES:

COMMISSION PROPOSALS FOR CONSERVATION MEASURES DRAW ON NATIONAL MEASURES NOW APPLIED BY EC MEMBER STATES. THEY INCLUDE PROHIBITION OR LIMITATION OF FISHING ACTIVITY IN CERTAIN ZONES AND/OR DURING CERTAIN PERIODS, MINIMUM FISH AND NET-WEB SIZES, AND REGULATIONS GOVERNING USE OF FISHING EQUIPMENT. COMMISSION PROPOSALS CONSTITUTE ONLY AN INITIAL AND PARTIAL CODIFICATION OF EXISTING MEASURES; MOREOVER, COMMISSION PROPOSES THAT MEMBER STATES BE AUTHORIZED TO MAINTAIN CERTAIN NATIONAL CONSERVATION MEASURES SO LONG AS THEY ARE NON-DISCRIMINATORY AND COMPATIBLE WITH THE GOALS OF COMMUNITY LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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INTERNAL REGIME.

### 4. CONTROL MEASURES:

COMMISSION PROPOSALS ENVISAGE MEMBER STATE IMPLEMENTATION ON A NON-DISCRIMINATORY BASIS, AND SUBJECT TO COMMISSION SUPERVISION, OF CONTROL MEASURES GOVERNING VESSEL ACTIVITY AND CATCHES. OTHER PROPOSED CONTROL MEASURES PROVIDE FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF A LIST OF AUTHORIZED LANDING POINTS AND FOR THE MAINTENANCE ON BOARD VESSELS OF REGISTERS LISTING CATCHES, FISHING ZONES IN WHICH CATCHES ARE TAKEN, AND EQUIPMENT USED.

### 5. STRUCTURAL AND SOCIAL MEASURES:

TO FACILITATE THE ADAPTATION OF INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION AND PROCESSING CAPACITY TO THE NEW SITUATION CREATED BY ESTABLISHMENT OF 200-MILE ZONES, THE COMMISSION PROPOSES SEVERAL STRUCTURAL AND SOCIAL MEASURES WHICH MIGHT BE UNDERTAKEN IN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE COMMUNITY'S REGIONAL, SOCIAL, AND AGRICULTURAL GUIDANCE FUNDS. THESE INCLUDE:

(A) PROPOSALS TO REDIRECT ACTIVITY TOWARD SPECIES  
EITHER NOT FISHED OR UNDER-EXPLOITED IN THE PAST, OR  
TOWARD EXPLORATION OF NEW FISHING AREAS.

(B) PROPOSALS FOR INFORMATION PROGRAMS TO PROMOTE  
CONSUMPTION OF SPECIES NOT FISHED OR UNDER-EXPLOITED  
IN THE PAST.

(C) PROPOSALS TO PROVIDE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO  
FISHING INDUSTRY PERSONNEL TEMPORARILY UNEMPLOYED DUE  
TO VESSEL INACTIVITY, ENCOURAGE RETIREMENT BY FISHERMEN

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AGED 50 TO 65, AND PROVIDE ASSISTANCE FOR PROFESSIONAL  
RETRAINING OF FISHERMEN.

(D) PROPOSALS FOR ADAPTATION OF FISH PRODUCT PRO-  
CESSING CAPACITY TO USES OTHER THAN HUMAN CONSUMPTION.

6. AID TO HERRING FISHERMEN:

EC HAS PROHIBITED HERRING FISHING IN THE CELTIC SEA UNTIL  
DECEMBER 31, 1977, AND HERRING FISHING IN THE NORTH SEA  
UNTIL OCTOBER 31, 1977, AND COMMISSION HAS ALREADY  
PROPOSED TO COUNCIL THAT THESE BANS BE MAINTAINED  
THROUGHOUT 1978. TO COMPENSATE FOR LOSSES SUFFERED BY  
THE FISHERMEN CONCERNED, AND TO ENSURE THAT SUFFICIENT  
FISHING CAPACITY IS AVAILABLE WHEN STOCKS ARE REPLENISHED  
AND THE BANS LIFTED, THE COMMISSION PLANS TO PROPOSE

FINANCIAL COMPENSATION FOR THE AFFECTED FISHERMEN.  
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7. COMMENT: DESPITE OPTIMISM EXPRESSED OCTOBER 6 BY  
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EC COMMISSIONER GUNDELACH (REF B), WORKING-LEVEL COMMISSION  
ON FISHERY OFFICIALS REMAIN CONCERNED THAT COUNCIL DEBATE  
MAY BOG DOWN OVER CONTINUED UK, AND POSSIBLY IRISH,  
INSISTENCE UPON EXCLUSIVE NATIONAL COASTAL FISHING  
BANDS, WHICH ARE NOT INCLUDED IN THE COMMISSION PROPOSALS.  
OUR SOURCES EXPECT THAT, ASIDE FROM THIS POINT, DEBATE  
WILL CENTER ON APPORTIONMENT OF CATCH QUOTAS AMONG THE  
MEMBER STATES. HINTON

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